

Message

From: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/19/2018 3:51:43 PM
To: Strynar, Mark [Strynar.Mark@epa.gov]
CC: Smith, Emily J. [Smith.Emily@epa.gov]; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Buckley, Timothy [Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov]; Watkins, Tim [Watkins.Tim@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Fortune Magazine Responses

Got it. Thanks!

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2189

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Strynar, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Buckley, Timothy <Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Fortune Magazine Responses

I am fine with the edits in blue within the text. Not with the comments off to the side.

Mark

From: Hubbard, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Buckley, Timothy <Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Fortune Magazine Responses

Thanks Mark- I will tell them we would like to stick to your responses on that answer. It seems like their other comments were mostly editorial, in blue- you're ok with those changes?

And just so you're aware, the reporter sent additional questions that are really for OW and OCSPP, so they will have their own opportunity to provide some answers. Those are below for your information.

Thanks again for your work on this.

From: Ken Otterbourg [mailto:[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy \(PP\)](#)]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Linkins, Samantha <Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry from Fortune magazine re: GenX

Megan, et al.

Hi. Here are the questions I would like answered by EPA. My deadline is 4/27. A week from Friday. That seems sufficient. I've attached several documents from EPA's website as reference information for some of the questions.

My basic aim here is to understand EPA's response to the GenX controversy to date.

1. Just to confirm. Currently, there is no standard for release of GenX chemicals in the air or water?

2. The below two items in BOLD are mentioned in the EPA Fact sheet (see attached):

EPA has initiated an investigation into Chemours' compliance with a 2009 order issued under the Toxic Substances Control Act for the production of GenX to determine if the company is in compliance with the order to control releases at the Fayetteville facility.

Has this investigation been completed? If not, where is the process at this point? And why is it taking so long?

Separately, the fact sheet mentions this:

EPA has received the data from Chemours and is using it to update its risk assessment.

Can you explain what this means?

To that point. Help me understand risk assessment in the context of GenX. What do we know and what don't we know. Is this class of chemicals somehow more problematic? How does EPA help cut through the fear and uncertainty in the public's mind? What is the challenge of modeling long-term, low dose exposure to emerging contaminants? Are there ways to speed up that process?

3) This is mentioned on this page: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/epa-actions-address-pfas> (also attached)

- Developing human health toxicity values for GenX and PFBS (July 2018)

Is that deadline on track? In laymen's terms, what does it mean to develop human health toxicity values. How is that different from regulatory standards?

Related to this, is EPA conducting its own toxicity assessments? Or is it relying solely on existing research?

4) Do these chemicals need to be regulated? Does EPA consider them unregulated at the present? Why or why not?

5) The Lautenberg amendments to TSCA were passed in a rare bipartisan moment. Is that spirit of cooperation/consensus still present as stakeholders work through the rulemaking/implementation process?

Is there anything else I need to know?

Thank you.

Ken

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2189

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Strynar, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Buckley, Timothy <Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Fortune Magazine Responses

Carolyn,

See my comments. Perhaps the reporter should send some questions to Jamie and Dan and ask for their response.

Mark

From: Hubbard, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:36 AM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Buckley, Timothy <Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Subject: Fortune Magazine Responses

Hi Mark- thank you for your flexibility with this Fortune inquiry. OW reviewed your responses and made a few comments- please see attached **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** were the main commenters. Please especially look at their comments on number 5 and let me know your thoughts. I can push back if needed.

Thanks so much!

Carolyn

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2189

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)